SENATE BILL 3667

By Finney R.

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, relative to testing certain patients for the antibiotic resistant infection of methicillin resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA).

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 11, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

Section 68-11-269.

At the time of admission, a hospital licensed under this chapter shall test every patient who is arriving as a resident from a nursing home for the antibiotic resistant infection of methicillin resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.